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SUBJECT: SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE HEARING ON REGIONAL
FISHERIES TREATY IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION

REF: 88 STATE 50569

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION
HELD HEARING ON IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION FOR THE SOUTH
PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES TREATY ON 23 FEBRUARY. SEN.
BREAUX CHAIRED THE HEARING AND WAS THE ONLY COMMITTEE
MEMBER PRESENT. OES DAS WOLFE TESTIFIED FOR THE
DEPARTMENT IN THE ABSENCE OF UNDERSECRETARY DERWINSKI.
UNDERSECRETARY-DESIGNATE WILLIAM EVANS AND SOUTHWEST
REGIONAL FISHERIES CENTER DIRECTOR CHARLES FULLERTON
TESTIFIED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. TUNA INDUSTRY ALSO
TESTIFIED. SENATORS HOLLINGS AND INOUE ENTERED
STATEMENTS INTO THE RECORD. QUESTIONS TO THE WITNESSES
BY SEN. BREAUX FOCUSED ON TREATY ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS
AND WHETHER THE AGREEMENT GAVE U.S. FISHERMEN EXCLUSIVE
ACCESS TO THE REGION. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS WERE POSED ON
AN UNRELATED PIECE OF LEGISLATION, THE REAUTHORIZATION OF

THE FISHERMEN'S GUARANTY FUND. DEPT IS CAUTIOUSLY
OPTIMISTIC THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL REPORT FAVORABLY ON
THE IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL
WEEKS. WHITEHEAD
END OF MESSAGE

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